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SUBJ: ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND

REF: STATE 306303

1. SUMMARY: DCM DELIVERED LETTER AND ACCOMPANYING
DOCUMENTS TO STATE SECRETARY GEHLHOFF ON DECEMBER 22.
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LATTER EMPHASIZED NEED FOR AVOIDANCE OF PUBLICITY WHICH
COULD HINDER GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ABSENCE OF AMBASSADOR STOESSEL ON OFFICIAL
VISIT TO MUNICH, DCM DELIVERED KISSINGER-CROSLAND
LETTER RE ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND TO STATE SECRETARY

GEHLHOFF USING TALKING POINTS PROVIDED. GEHLHOFF WAS CAUTIOUS IN HIS COMMENTS AND REMINDED US THAT GERMANS HAVE THUS FAR TAKEN A "COOL STAND" ON THE RHODESIA SITUATION. HE PROMISED TO INFORM FONMIN GENSCHER PROMPTLY AND GIVE US AN OFFICIAL REACTION LATER.

3. GEHLHOFF POINTED OUT THAT NUMBER OF SETTLERS OF GERMAN ORIGIN IN RHODESIA WAS LESS THAN 2,000 IN CONTRAST TO SOME 25,000 IN NAMIBIA. HE SAID THAT THE FRG HAS ADVISED GERMANS IN NAMIBIA THAT THEY COULD PERFORM A USEFUL FUNCTION AFTER INDEPENDENCE, BUT HE EMPHASIZED THAT SUCH FRG ADVICE WAS GENERALIZED AND NOT DIRECTED TO INDIVIDUALS. WHILE FRG IS NOT DISCOURAGING GERMANS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA FROM STAYING, GEHLHOFF PERSONALLY WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THEIR PROSPECTS FOR PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE WITH THE AFRICANS AFTER INDEPENDENCE.

4. DCM STRESSED THAT DEVELOPMENT FUND WAS INTENDED TO CREATE CONDITIONS IN WHICH AFRICANS AND NON-AFRICANS COULD LIVE HARMONIOUSLY. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, HE RE-EMPHASIZED THAT THE US/UK PROPOSAL IS NOT A BUY-OUT OR COMPENSATION SCHEME FOR RHODESIAN WHITES.

5. IN CONCLUDING THE CONVERSATION, STATE SECRETARY GEHLHOFF URGED THAT WE KEEP OUR PROPOSALS CONFIDENTIAL AND AVOID PRESS PUBLICITY, FOR FEAR OF JEOPARDIZING THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS.
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